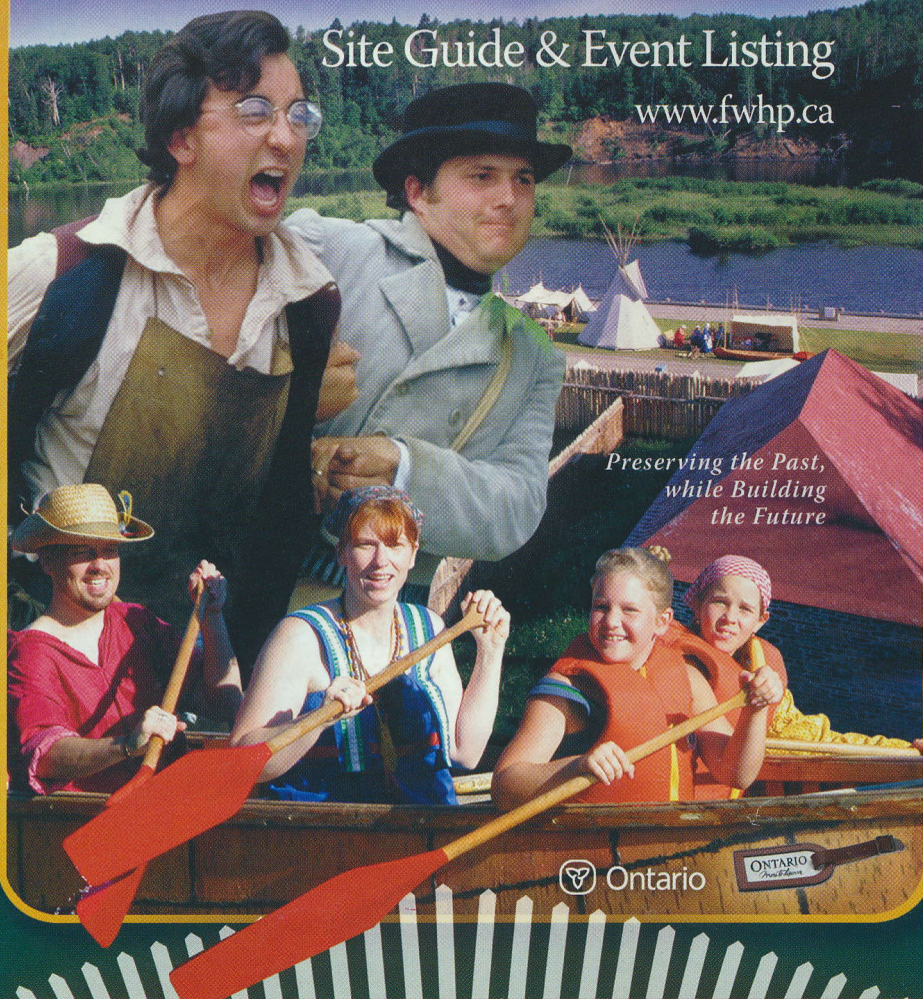


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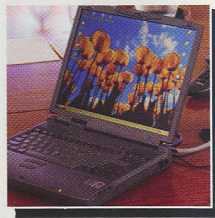
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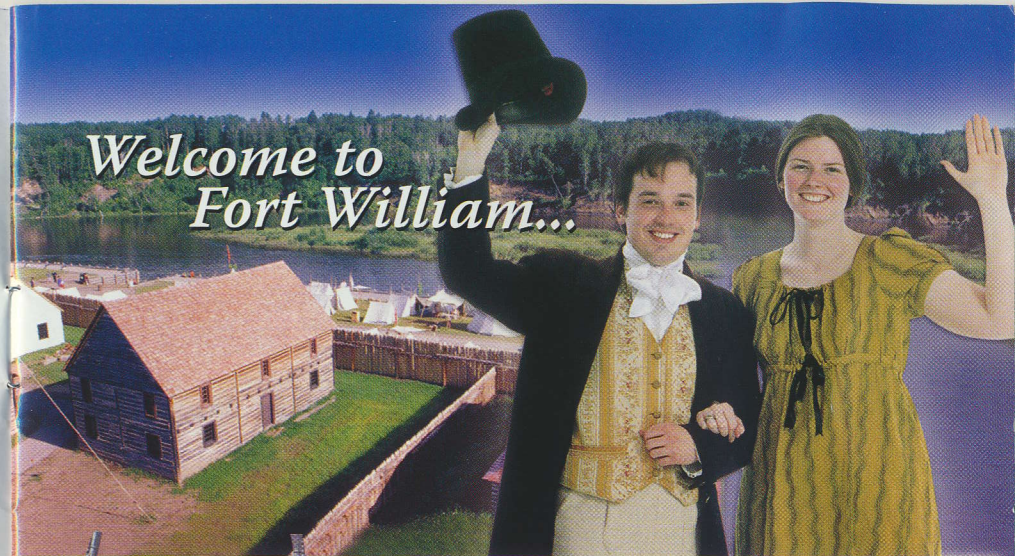
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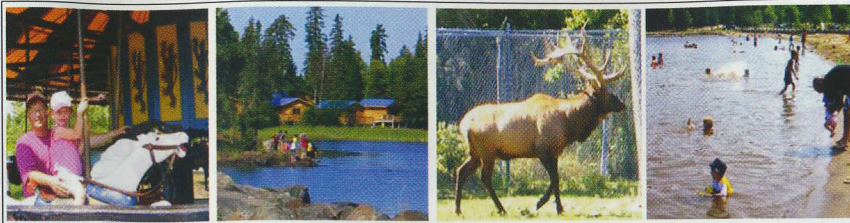
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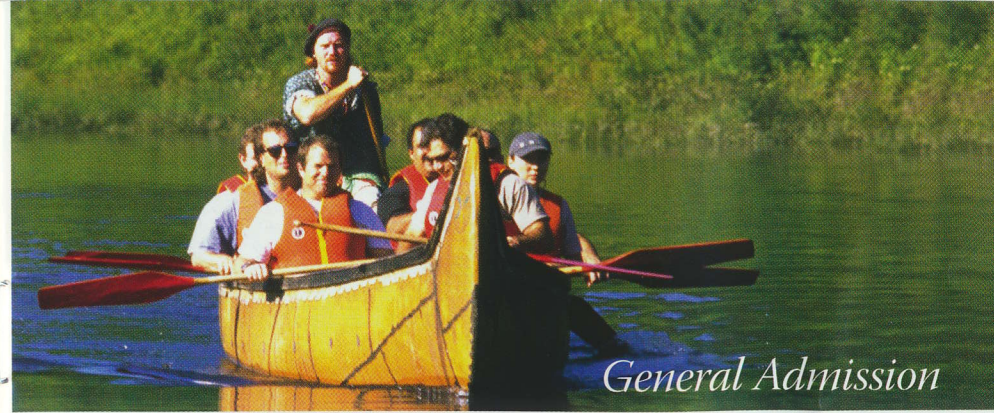
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(Subject to taxes.)

Hours

May 21 - October 10	10am - 5pm
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Adventure Awaits!

Your adventure begins at the Visitor Centre. Our admissions staff will help plan your visit and provide information for Thunder Bay and the surrounding area for the rest of your stay. For your convenience, wheelchairs and strollers are available.

To reach the historic site, you can either take a 10-minute stroll on the Nature Trail or hop aboard one of our shuttle vehicles. During the Summer Season, you can paddle a canoe along the Kaministiquia River and take a horse-drawn wagon around the perimeter of the Fort.

Stop at the Cantine for lunch or a break during the day. Sit inside the air-conditioned restaurant or relax on the open-air veranda. It's a pleasant spot for the whole family.



Winter Walking Tours

One of our experienced interpreters will personally guide you through the historic site. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. Tours last 1.5 hours.

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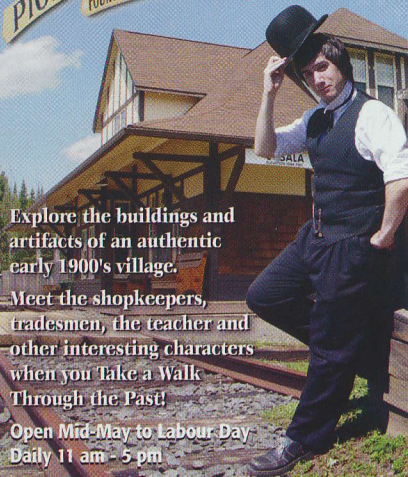
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During July and August, you might encounter all sorts of happenings, from a domestic spat to noisy celebrations during a canoe arrival or tensions erupting between two hot-tempered gentlemen.

Begin your adventure at the wigwags in the Native Encampment where you will learn about the Ojibwa way of life. Inside the Fort, the Apothecary will unearth some startling techniques in 19th century medicine. For some rustic grandeur, take in the impressive furnishings and portraits in the Great Hall.

A short climb up the Observatory steps will give you a bird's-eye view of the Fort. Drop by the

Canoe Shed where you'll find an ingenious example of Aboriginal technology under construction - the birch bark canoe - which was instrumental in unlocking the western interior.



Intriguing aromas bring you to the Kitchen and Bakery where you may try samples of some freshly baked bread. The whole family will delight in greeting the horses, sheep and other animals at the Farm.

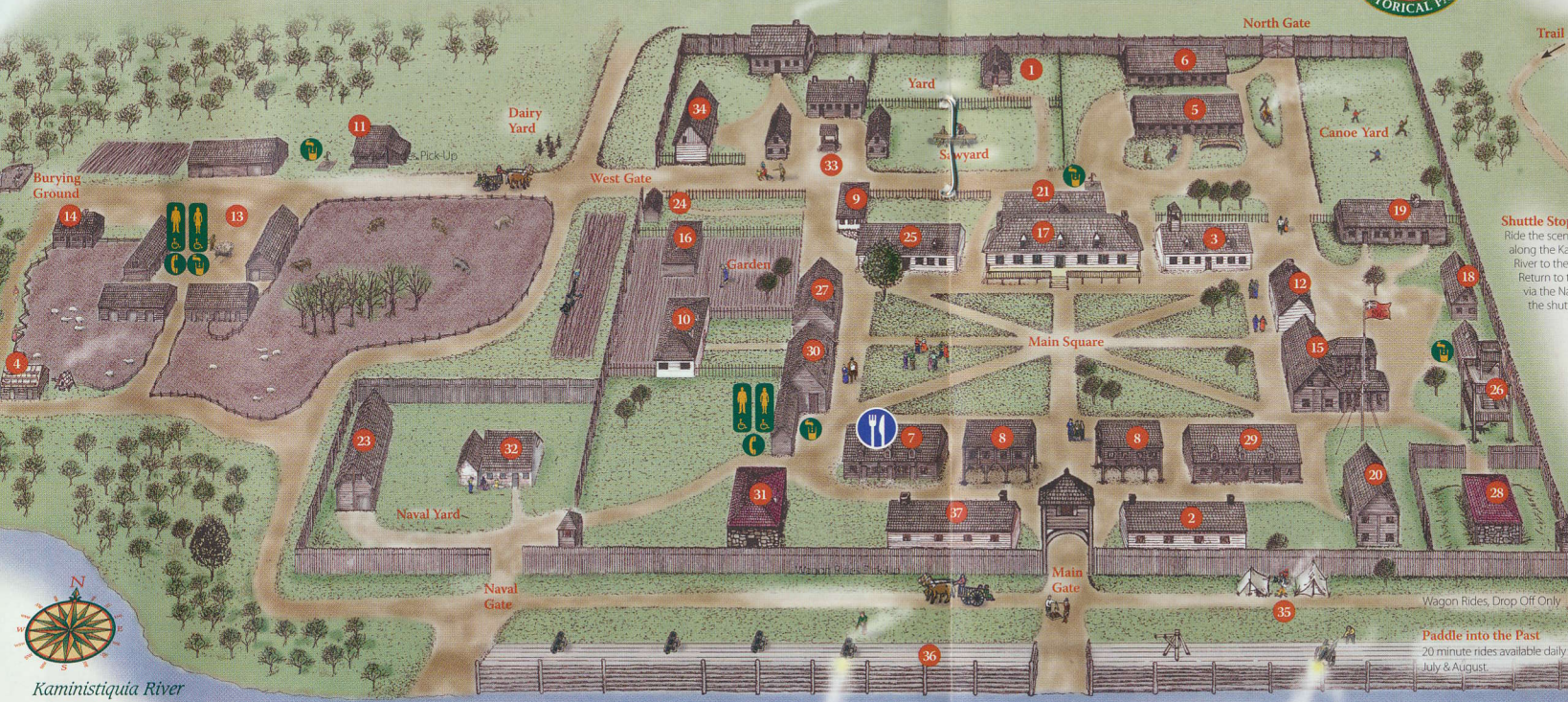
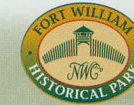
Young visitors can get into the past too. The Activity Book available at Admissions will take you on some fun-filled explorations. Try on the latest period apparel in the Shops or challenge a friend to play lacrosse. Look out for Mr. Taïtt, the Fort's jailor or you could be put under arrest!



Your adventure awaits at Fort William, magnificent headquarters of the North West Company!

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Kaministiquia River

1. Agret Store
Storage area for canoe repair supplies.

2. Apothecary
Dr. John and Marguerite McLoughlin's residence and surgery. Experience the most advanced methods in early nineteenth century medicine.

3. Bell House
Summer residence of the senior clerks (salaried fur traders).

4. Boucher's House
Semi-independent trader Jean-Marie Boucher sells provisions and refreshments to voyageurs from his tavern.

5. Canoe Shed
The large birch bark freight canoes built and repaired here are excellent examples of how fur traders adapt Native technology for Company use.

These sturdy, yet lightweight craft make cross-continental trade and exploration possible.

6. Canot du Nord Banquet Hall
Once a second canoe shed, this is now a banquet and meeting facility.

7. Cantine Restaurant
Historically this was the depot for liquor and food stuffs. Today, visit our restaurant serving traditional and modern fare. Public washrooms are located west of the Cantine.

8. Corn Stores
These elevated warehouses contain Indian corn, the food staple of the voyageur at Fort William.

9. Council House
The formal boardroom for meetings of the North West Company partners.

10. Counting House
Bookkeeping offices and summer residences for Montreal clerks (pronounced 'clarks'.)

11. Dairy & Ice House
Work room producing milk & butter from the Fort's dairy herd. Fresh meat & dairy products preserved below with ice collected from the river during winter.

12. East House
The summer dormitory for interpreters and junior clerks.

13. Farm
The working farm provides fresh meat, vegetables, milk and butter for Company employees.

14. Farm Cottages
Year-round residences for the farm labourers and their families. The walking path continues on to Boucher's House.

15. Fur Stores
The largest of three warehouses used for sorting and repacking valuable furs from the northwest for shipment east to Montreal.

16. Gaol (pronounced 'jail')
Company discipline for unruly voyageurs and errant tradesmen.

17. Great Hall
This magnificent hall serves as the dining room for North West Company partners, clerks, guides and interpreters. Common voyageurs are strictly forbidden, but you are most welcome. Elevator accessibility in rear.

18. Guides House
Sleeping quarters for the voyageur guides, the elite foremen of the Company's canoe brigades.

19. Hospital
The infirmary for sick and injured voyageurs.

20. Indian Shop
Here the local Ojibwa hunters and trappers come to trade fur, provisions and labour for imported goods and items produced at the Fort.

21. Kitchen & Bakery
Meals are prepared over an open hearth fire for those dining in the Great Hall. The bakery produces bread for the Fort inhabitants.

22. Native Encampment
Visit with the Ojibwa in their birch bark wigwams and experience traditional cooking and crafts.

23. Naval Shed
A construction area for watercraft.

24. Necessary
The gentlemen's privy, now a modern utility shed.

25. North West House
The summer residences of the wintering partners who travel from their remote posts in the western interior.

26. Observatory
The observatory is used to spot fires and approaching water craft. Climb up for a great overview of the Fort!

27. Outfits
The packing centre for trade goods imported from international ports via Montreal destined for the western interior.

28. Powder Magazine
A fireproof building for securing gun powder, muskets, cannon and shot.

29. Provision Store
Warehouse for bulk foodstuffs including flour and sugar for the Fort and canoe brigades.

30. Shops
Consisting of a gentlemen's shop for the bourgeois, an equipment shop for voyageurs and a Fort William shop for the Fort's wintering inhabitants.

31. Stone Store
A secure, fireproof warehouse for storage of liquor and provisions.

32. Taitt's House
The residence of Fort superintendent James Taitt and his family.

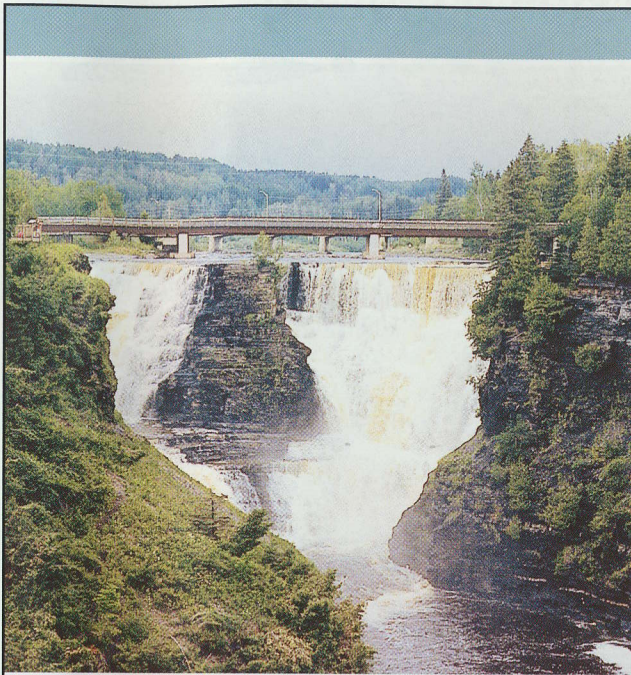
33. Trades Square
Visit the workshops of the tinsmith, blacksmith, tailor, armourer, carpenter and cooper. Learn about historic crafts from the tradesmen who maintain the Fort and produce trade goods for the North West Company.

34. Tradesmen's House
Living quarters for the tradesmen and their families.

35. Voyageur Encampment
Voyageurs arriving from east and west are required to make camp outside the palisade.

36. Wharf
Docking area for unloading company schooners and bateaux, and landing site for canoe brigades.

37. Wintering House
The residences of the Fort proprietor Kenneth McKenzie and schooner captain Robert McCargo and their families.



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Rock the Fort!

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June 29 - July 3

The Great Rendezvous

Celebrate the spirit of the Canadian fur trade & meet friendly re-enactors from across the continent. Sign up for artisan workshops & enjoy the colourful grand canoe arrival!

July 29 - 30

Battle of Fort William

Get an up-close look at the drills and tactics employed by the rank-and-file 19th century soldier. The smoke and crack of musket fire adds to the excitement.

And there's more!

Upcoming events hosted by community groups this year include:

National Aboriginal Day presented by the National Aboriginal Day Committee
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Rogue Productions presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare
July 21 - 23 & July 30 - August 1, 2006

The Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life
June 23 - 24, 2006

August 19 - 20

Ojibwa Keeshigun Native Festival

Experience the wonder and colour of Aboriginal culture with traditional dancing, singing & drumming at Fort William's annual Native Festival. Enjoy tasty treats & join in the bannock making contest!

October 20, 21, 26 - 29

Fort Fright Night

Embark upon a haunted walking tour of Fort William as spooky happenings unfold. Mysterious screams & piercing sounds & unsettling bumps in the night abound! Not for the faint of heart!

February 23 - 25, 2007

Voyageur Winter Carnival

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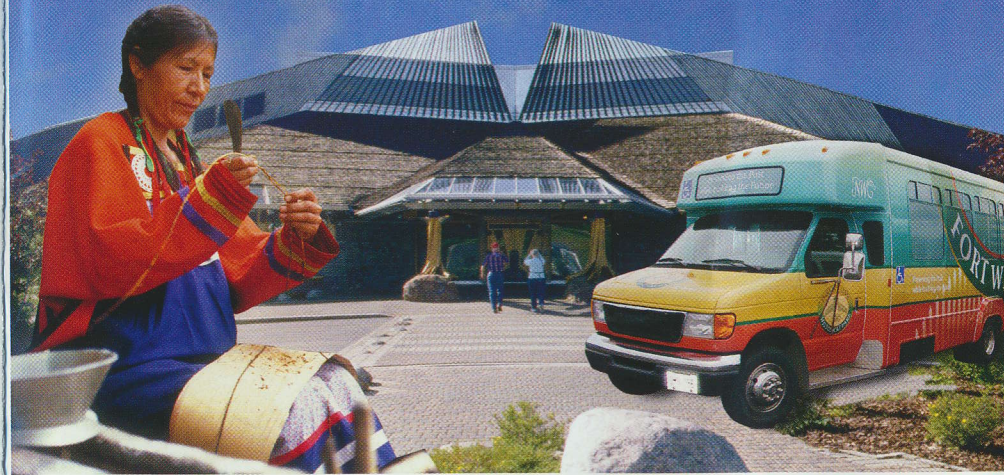
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Enhance your gathering with our heritage recreational and team-building activities. Fort William Historical Park offers a wide range of options including guided tours, canoeing, snowshoeing, wagon or sleigh rides, lacrosse games, period dancing and a turn at the reigns with the draft horses. For a contemporary twist, try Global Positioning System (GPS) treasure hunting!

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Fort William Historical Park offers curriculum-based programs that reflect our natural and cultural heritage. The Fort's learning adventures provide engaging hands-on experiences for students of all ages. We also offer overnight adventures that add to the excitement of travelling back in time to 1815!



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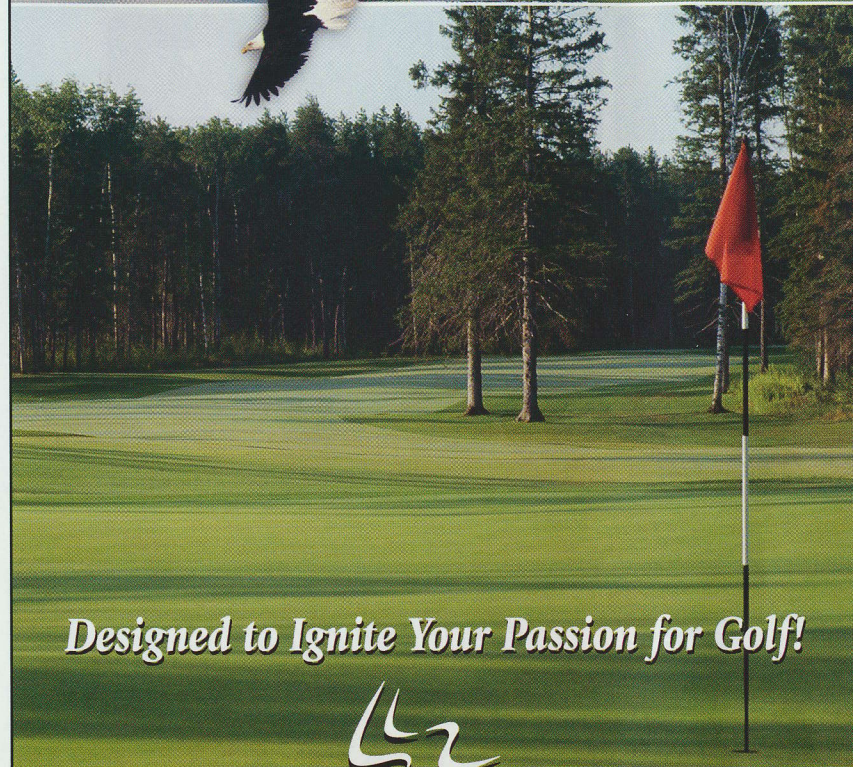
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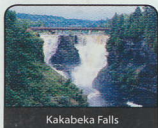
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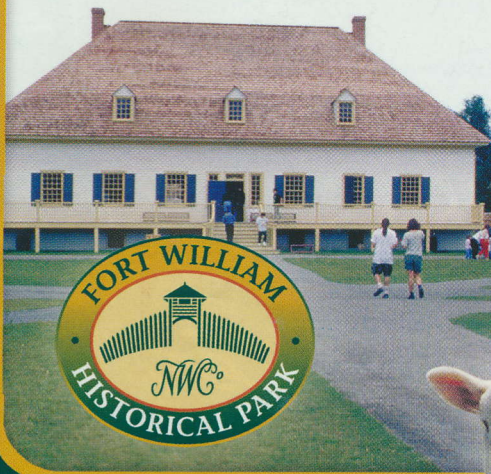
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